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### STILL THE SAME.

CHURCHILL'S POLITICAL IDEALS.

AGAINST SOCIALISM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 6.

Mr. Scott Duckers, the Liberal candidate for the Abbey Division of Westminster, has written to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, leader of the Conservative Party, asking him to state whether he in any way supports Mr. Winston Churchill's candidature.

Mr. Churchill, interviewed to-day, emphasised that his political position had not changed compared with the last twenty years, when he had always fought both Protection and Socialism. Even if the whole weight of the Conservative Party machine opposed him he would not feel resentment and would not return the attack. But he would rejoice at an opportunity of co-operating with the Conservatives since they had returned to a progressive platform.

LABOUR'S CHOICE.

LONDON, March 6.

Mr. Fenner-Brockway, Secretary of the Labour Party, has been adopted as Labour candidate for the Abbey Division of Westminster. Mr. Havelock Wilson has abandoned his intention of standing as a Trade Unionist Candidate.

ANGER IN COURT.

HIGH TREASON TRIAL.

PROSECUTOR INDIGNANT.

MUNICH, March 6.

The action of the two prosecutors in indignantly leaving the court followed a remark by one of the defendants' counsel that a regular mania for arrests prevailed on the side of the prosecution, but they had not arrested those guilty of the blood bath of November 9, meaning Kahr, Lössow, and Seisser. The audience applauded this remark, whereupon the chief prosecutor left, banging the door violently behind him.

The Court later assembled again when counsel for the defendants apologised, but it is not yet certain whether the prosecutor will return.

CLAIM FOR £2,000,000.

INSURANCE FRAUD SEQUEL.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

LONDON, March 6.

After twenty-four days' hearing in the Chancery Court, Mr. Justice Romer reserved judgment in the case in which the Official Receiver, as liquidator of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company asked on a misfeasance summons that Gerard Lee Bevan who was sentenced on December 5, 1922 to jail for fraud, and the other directors and auditors of the Company should be ordered to pay £2,000,000, the amount of the losses resulting from Bevan's frauds.

The respondents denied that they were guilty of any breach of trust.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

MIAMI, (FLORIDA), March 7.

In the final of the international golf team championship the Americans Melhorn and MacDonald Smith defeated the Americans Brady and Jock Hutchison by 4 up and 3 to play. In the semi-final the professionals Havers and Ockenden were beaten by two holes and the American Magen and the Australian Kirkwood by one hole.—Reuter's American Service.

ANOTHER STORM WEATHERED.

LONDON, March 6.

The House of Commons rejected by 240 to 170 votes the Conservative motion to reduce the supply vote as a protest against the agreement with Germany with regard to the British reparations levy. The Liberals voted with the Government.

DUTCH EAST INDIES.

OIL TAX INSTITUTED.

THE HAGUE, March 7.

The First Chamber passed by 24 votes to 14 a bill retaining the tax on produce in the East Indies and instituting the oil tax previously mentioned.

OPIMUM EVIL.

SWITZERLAND'S DECISION.

BERNE, March 7.

The Committee of the National Council has decided with one dissentient to propose ratification of the Opium Convention.

### STILL IN THE AIR.

SINGAPORE BASE SPECULATION.

REPORTS PREMATURE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 6.

The newspaper report that the Cabinet has decided not to proceed with the Singapore base scheme is not confirmed officially. The Cabinet Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, is considering the scheme and has not yet made its report.

An official interviewed by Reuter to-day said the question was so important that the decision would probably be first announced in Parliament. "The report may or not be correct, but it is premature."

It is hoped the committee will report to the Cabinet next week.

[An earlier cable stated that notwithstanding Mr. Ammon's statement in the House of Commons, the Daily Mail understands that at a Cabinet meeting held yesterday, a report was received from Mr. Clynes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Singapore base proposal. The Daily Mail says there is good reason to state that the Government has decided not to proceed with the project, and the newspapers advance the opinion that resignations from the Board of the Admiralty are to be expected unless the Government announces that it has over-ridden the Naval Staff's advice.]

LATER,

The Press Association understands that the Government has decided not to proceed with the Singapore scheme. The decision has been communicated to the Dominions and the Government will await their replies before making an announcement in the House of Commons.

PHAROAH'S GLORIES.

TREASURE TOMB RECEPTION.

ELABORATE CEREMONY.

LUXOR, March 6.

Tutankhamen's tomb was reopened this afternoon, when about 200 distinguished personages were present, including Lord Allenby, the Egyptian Ministers, foreign diplomats and members of Parliament, admitted as guests of the Egyptian Government to view the gold-covered coffin.

The guests travelled in special trains. Elaborate ceremonies included the slaying of two bulls as a sacrifice in the centre of Luxor, as was customary in the days of the pharaohs. The streets were decorated and a banquet in the evening was followed by a fete and fireworks.

Neither Mr. Howard Carter, who discovered the tomb for the late Lord Carnarvon, nor his staff were present.

OMINOUS.

MARK'S SENSATIONAL DROP.

PLUNGE SELLING.

LONDON, March 6.

After its recent temporary recovery, the French franc has reached a new low record of 100. The Belgian franc is 124½.

NEW YORK, March 6.

An increase of nearly a billion francs in the French note circulation to-day brought plunge selling orders from foreign capitals which precipitated the franc to 197.

THREAT TO RESIGN.

POINCARÉ CHALLENGES SENATE.

FOUR DAYS' GRACE.

PARIS, March 6.

The Finance Committee of the Senate having rejected the three main provisions of the Finance Bill, namely, the reduction of expenditure by decree, an increase in taxation by twenty per cent, and the introduction of a system to prevent evasion of income tax, M. Poincaré, the Premier, told the Committee to-day that he would resign unless it changed its view by Tuesday.

TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, March 6.

Fresh fighting in Morocco is foreshadowed by the announcement by the Spanish Embassy that 4,000 reinforcements have been sent to Eastern Morocco, where a punitive operation against the rebels is being undertaken.

The statement adds that rebels everywhere have been beaten off by the advanced Spanish positions with less than fifty Spanish casualties.

BOMBAY DEFAULTS.

BOMBAY, March 6.

The Legislative Council passed a resolution by 45 to 42 votes for omission of the grant of 45,305 rupees for the Empire exhibition.

TURKISH CABINET RESIGNS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 6.

The Cabinet resigned yesterday evening in order to facilitate Ismet's task of reconstruction.

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## INTIMATIONS.

## HONGKONG ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

## NOTICE OF CALL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive. For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd.

S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

## NOTICE.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PERCY H. SUCKLING, Secretary.

Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

## NOTICE.

## H.K. DOG AND CAT SHOW.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held in the Parade Ground on Saturday 15th March at 2 p.m. There will be classes for all kinds of dogs, including cross-breeds and puppies, also litters of puppies. If sufficient entries are received there will be classes for cats also. Entry forms may be had from the undersigned.

Entries close on Tuesday 11th inst. at 5 p.m. and intending competitors are notified that owing to the trouble in compiling the catalogue no entries can possibly be accepted after that date.

B. L. FROST, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, c/o The E. Ex. Telegraph Co.

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By Order C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1924.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS will be held on the following dates in 1924 (weather permitting):

29th March, 10th and 21st April, 24th May, 7th and 9th June, 11th and 13th October, 8th November, 29th November.

By Order C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

## MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

## HONGKONG BRANCH.

DURING my absence in Shanghai the business of the Hongkong Branch will be conducted by T. T. Laurensen Esq., Assistant Secretary, China Coast Officers' Guild.

W. J. STOKES, Branch Secretary. Hongkong, March 6, 1924.

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Mustard Gas.

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It was contended for the claimants that the gas was the only product of this class which was used by the British army. The invention was made on a large scale at the works of the British Dyes and Chemicals Corporation, Ltd. At the request of the Government the applicants supplied all information at their disposal and their working drawings to the Government of the United States free of charge, and thus enabled their product to be manufactured on an immense scale, without delay. In the same way the invention and drawings were placed at the disposal of the Italian Government.

Sir Duncan Kerley said that at the first attempt to make a large quantity of the gas the whole outfit bubbled up and got out of its container, and but for the fact that a covered catwalk had been provided, every man on the job would have been killed and the works themselves would have been unapproachable for weeks. In May, 1918, they were told that nothing could be of greater military importance than a quick supply of mustard gas, and our troops were being discouraged by the fact that the Germans had got this stuff, while we had none.

Counsel went on to refer to the attempt of the Ministry of Munitions to make this gas at Avonmouth, and said there were 1,400 casualties there.

Mustard gas was used for the first time in the field in September, 1918, in the artillery preparation for the Fourth Army's attack on the Hindenburg Line. Two nights before the attack several villages near the line and many strong points and gun positions were abandoned, and mustard gas was used for six hours. In the latter case the effect of the gas was seen as the smoke and gas rose and the gas was seen as the smoke and gas rose and the gas was seen as the smoke and gas rose.

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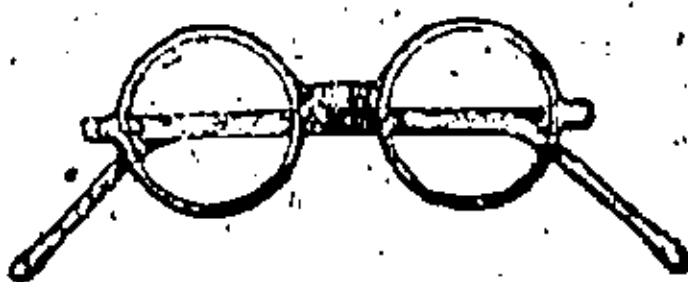
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**BIRTH.**  
**KIRLY.**—On March 2, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kirby, a son.

**MARRIAGES.**  
**PHILLIPS—BURTONSHAW.**—On March 1, 1924, at Shanghai, Thomas Phillips, son of the late Thomas Truslow Phillips, of Portsmouth, England, to Evelyn Marie Burtonshaw, daughter of the late Arthur Reaves Burtonshaw, Taunton, Somerset.

**ESDALE—RIVETT.**—On March 1, 1924, at Shanghai, Charles J. A. Esdale, of Kobe, to Avic, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rivett, of Stockport and Deganwy, North Wales.

**DEATH.**  
**HORNSBY.**—At Hongkong, on 7th inst., David Hornsby, ship draughtsman Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG FRIDAY, MAR. 7, 1924.

### DISTRACTIONS.

If there is any piece of advice that goes begging nowadays, it is that which seeks to urge that words forming definite and dogmatic statements should be weighed before they are either uttered or committed to print and publication. We are reminded of this by two such pieces of dogmatism from entirely differ-

any confirming evidence that there are people who do this kind of thing. It may be that all these strictures are meant for those "who profess and call themselves Christians" and where they apply we trust they will have the needed effect. We are in entire sympathy with the epigrammatic sentence that "there are many people who would enjoy themselves more if they took less amusement," but it all needs sensible elucidation.

### Labour "Down Under."

Political factions in New South Wales would seem to be bent on staging something in the nature of a farcical-tragedy. The Labour Party has become a hopelessly divided household. Though the rift may make the unskilful among its friends laugh, it cannot but make the judicious grieve. To-day the organisation has two heads, and this is a case where two heads are not better than one for counsel or for fight. A definite cleavage in the ranks of the Labour Party in Australia was bound to come sooner or later, and soonest of all in the parent State, where, to a greater extent than anywhere else, it has been white-anted by the Communists. Things have come to such a pass that a reconciliation of the two factions has apparently got past praying for. The comrades are at daggers drawn, the enmity between them being more bitter, as in the case of all family quarrels, than is their enmity towards those outside the domestic circle. The occasion might be hailed with acclamation by their political adversaries—the Nationalists and the Country Party—but as a matter of fact the relations of these two parties are only a degree more cordial than are those subsisting between the two wings of the Labour Party. The pot and the kettle are almost equally black.

### Crackers.

The time is coming when the insane indiscriminate firing of crackers for the mere sake of making a noise will have to cease. Human nature has its limits, and the limit at this and recent times is about reached. It is true there are prohibited areas and it is equally true that the person who desires to make a noise does not worry about prohibition. The custom of cracker firing at a stated time is national; it probably conduces to good feeling and helps trade, and no one would willingly wish to deprive those concerned of any enjoyment they get out of it. The thing is when the custom is extended and day and night made hideous with sudden and unexpected bursts of uproar—tending to jagged nerves and murmurings "sweet and low." Things are taking shape in Shanghai to a suppression of this form of noise. The Chinese Advisory Committee to the Municipal Council have been petitioned by representative Chinese with a request to approach the Council and draw up a regulation making the throwing of crackers and firing them in public places an offence. Until the Chinese in Hongkong themselves take up the matter in this way, we are not prepared to advise that similar regulations be made here. But we do think that no one would object to a close season and an ordinance being made forbidding the firing or setting off of crackers before or after Chinese New Year. If it is desired to serenade departing taipans who have done so much for the Colony—and themselves, then permission to do so from the Governor in Council should have to be sought.

To the list of tomb-epitaphs, stone epitaphs that are at least arresting, must be added the late Rev. S. Baring-Gould's over his wife's grave. The words are "Dimidium animae meae" ("Half my soul"). These are exquisite and beautiful, and unlike a lot of other epitaphs, very true. Mrs. Baring-Gould had been a factory lass, but after some educational preparation and on her marriage, adapted herself with great success to her new responsibilities with such success, as to earn the beautiful tribute recorded above.

So far the policy of the Home Labour or Socialist Government on the question of Housing has not been made known, but if a quotation from a speech of the Health Minister is anything to go by it will follow the lines of the Health Minister's Ordinance for which we have to thank H. E. the Governor. Here

is the quotation—"I am going to lay down this general principle, that no section of the people should have the power to enrich themselves out of the scarcity and poverty of the community. I have no doubt when the Labour Government forms its policy it will protect the people from any exploitation of that kind." If our Rents Ordinance has not prevented that "power to enrich" out of the scarcity and poverty of the community, we should like to know what it has done!

In view of the oil scandals which are coming to light in America; and the odour attached to the word politician in America, can English politics be held up as pure and spotless? A conservative M.P. does not think so. He maintains that there has been a distinct lowering of the whole tone of political life, and that Parliaments in succession are getting worse. "The amount of lying, slander and utter lack of patriotism on real love for the welfare of people baffles description," he declared. "Unless young men and women do really set their minds to insist upon truth, honesty and patriotism in politics then I say, heaven help this country! Amen!"

Although the Japanese, as we have taken kindly to other drinks—notably beer, they remain firm to sake, the drinking of which formed part of the recent Imperial marriage ceremony in Tokyo. Sake is generally drunk warmed, the bottle which contains it being immersed in boiling water. Though to the palate accustomed to strong liquors sake may appear rather innocuous and its alcoholic strength is not great, it has a pleasantly exhilarating effect, and the Japanese of the cooler class, who drink the spirit just after it has been distilled, certainly manage to get "forader" on it. Beer of the lager sort has been made in Japan for at least thirty years.

We read of an ex-LAVISH Mayor at Home who has been forced to enter the workhouse. He was once a successful tradesman, and his downfall is attributed to his too generous disposition, and a purse which was at the command of all. We are not certain how to comment on this. The trouble is that persons known to have generous dispositions seem easily to be imposed upon and have the Mark Sabre gift of seeing the other side of a case. Shakespeare's dictum of "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" is doubtless a very excellent piece of advice. We have generally heard it used by men reasonably well-off and that alleged strong-willed type of man who is dogmatic, forceful, and possessed of as much imagination and feeling as a tenacious rabbit. We confess to a fellow-feeling for the ex-Mayor. We seem to know what he has had to meet. Our informant describes it as an honourable poverty. May be!

**THE OSTRICH.** The legend that the ostrich buries its head in the sand has been exploded. It does that only in books. The only thing about an ostrich is that it has a scotch characteristic. It is long in the neck and is canny. That's why it goes in for nest eggs!

Everybody should be pleased. Ullmans took their clock with them to their new abode and for days our eyes wandered to the familiar spot where once it hung. Lane Crawford's have now hung a clock in a convenient position at the corner of Queen's Road which should prove a boon and a blessing. If any O.B.E.s are knocking about we hope they will be given to the proprietors of Sennet Freres Lane Crawford, Ullmans, and Mackintosh Ltd., who have provided the Colony with clocks—free gratis and for nothing."

### To-day's Poem.

(The Song of the Clipper Ships.)  
Oh, the seas have had their fill of us  
From Shanghai to the Horn;  
Calm and gale their will of us  
Since sailormen were born.  
Tasting Western Ocean brine  
From the Circle to the Line,  
Far and wide our paths entwined,  
Paths our keels have worn.  
Oh, the typhoon has made sport of us  
From Hope to Java Head;  
Where's tale in every port of us  
Where deep sea men are bred.  
Out of Salem to the Plate,  
Suva to the Golden Gate,  
Hearts of oak for any fate,  
Far our trails have led.  
Oh, men called it fair, the sight  
Of us,  
With royal stunsails set,  
Six oceans knew the might of us,  
In far-flung seas we met;  
Standing to a hurricane.

Rag of sail on fore and main,  
None will see our like again,  
None our deeds forget.  
—Marc T. Greene.

### WEATHER CALENDAR.

**MARCH 7.**  
1798. A cloudy sky. One only leaf upon the top of a tree—the sole remaining leaf—danced round and round like a rag blown by the wind.—Dorothy Wordsworth.

### SELF-SUFFICIENT.

To be absolutely self-sufficient you must be either a plant, a polypus, or God.  
—Keraty (1769-1859).

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 7.—Coronet Theatre; "The Third Alarm."  
March 7.—Star Theatre; Irene West and Her Royal Hawaiians.  
March 7.—World Theatre; "Thousand and One Nights."  
March 13.—Theatre Royal; Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.  
March 29.—Theatre Royal; Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.  
March 7.—Cinematograph display at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.  
March 8.—H.V.D.C. Lewis and Machine Gun Competitions 3 p.m.  
March 8.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.  
March 9.—H.V.D.C. All Comers (Rifle) Competition, 9 a.m.  
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.  
March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

### SPORT.

March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

### LAND SALE.

March 10.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Ho-Mun-Tin, 8 p.m.

### COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 14.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.30 a.m.  
March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.  
March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.  
March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd, 11.30 a.m.  
March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

### OTHER MEETING.

March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., 8 p.m.

### DOG AND CAT SHOW.

March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The British-American Tobacco Company has purchased a tract of land in Tsingtao on which it is expected to erect one of the largest tobacco plants in the Orient, employing 5,000 workers.

"A native driver appears to think that once he has blown his horn his obligations have finished—trees and everything else have to get out of his way" said a police inspector in the Seremban police court.

A Chinese newspaper states that General Chan Tso-lin has bought 18 modern aeroplanes from a French firm at Tientsin. "Through a certain French official," the airships are valued at \$170,000, and are being transferred to Yingkou secretly.

Shop girls have been introduced in Chinese shops in Peking for the first time, says the *Economic Bulletin*, by the T-Y Company. It sells products of Chinese and foreign make at fixed prices of \$1.50 cents, and 30 cents each. Girls are employed for the first time in Peking to serve at the counters.

A touching little romance is told in police circles in Peking to the effect that a woman by the name of Chang was arrested by Mukden on the charge of kidnapping and was sent back to Peking to add in the capture of her accomplice. She seemed to have a way with her, for during the trip down she so completely "vamped" the police escort that the two are now enjoying a honeymoon at Hatten and it is expected that her marriage will save her from the Mukden court.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Three fresh cases of small-pox were reported yesterday.

A haul of morphine was made by Revenue Officers at the Kowloon wharf yesterday. Details are not available but it is believed that the drug was concealed in a number of cases containing soda.

Mr. H. Ruttonjee secured judgment in the Summary Court to-day against Mrs. E. J. Busschaert, of Leys Building, Kowloon, for \$140. The action, which was not defended, was concerned with a dishonoured cheque.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. P. Handover, planter on Bahu division of the Dunlop Rubber Plantations, died suddenly on February 25.

Rt. Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Maloney, Bishop Norris, and Rt. Rev. Bishop Graves arrived in the Colony by the "Kamala."

A Reuter cable from London announces the death of Lady Hubert Brand, wife of Rear-Admiral Hon. Sir Hubert (George) Brand.

A Reuter cable from Paris states that M. Sarraut, former Governor-General of Indo-China, announces he will not stand at the forthcoming elections, but will devote himself to colonial development.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council Mr. Chau Siu-ki took the oath and his seat as a member of the Council in place of the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-shan, who left the Colony on Wednesday as Commissioner of the Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition.

A very pretty wedding took place in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, when Miss Evelyn Marie Burtonshaw, daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Reaves Burtonshaw and Mrs. Burtonshaw of Taunton, was married to Mr. Thomas Truslow Phillips, the Very Reverend Dean Symons performing the ceremony. The bride was given away by Mr. Herbert J. Andrews.

The secretaryship of the China Association, becoming vacant on the death of Mr. N. H. Langley-Smith, the Committee has appointed as its new Secretary, Mr. B. L. Lewis, of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., 7 Hankow Road. Members going home this spring on leave are requested, should they so desire, to communicate their home address to the Secretary of the Shanghai Branch or to Mr. H. C. Wilcox, Secretary of the China Association, 99 Cannon Street, London, E.C.

The death occurred on February 13 of Sir Frank McCarthy, who was for nearly 32 years editor of the *Rangoon Gazette* and partner in the firm of the *Rangoon Gazette* and British Burma Presses. After this long period of arduous duties in Burma, with leave neither frequent nor long, he severed his connection with the business in November, 1920, coincidentally with his election as the first member to represent the European constituency of Burma in the Imperial Legislative Assembly, of which he subsequently became President.

The silver wedding of the Emperor and Empress of Japan is to be celebrated on May 10. In commemoration of this the Imperial garden of Shinjuku, Tokyo, will be thrown open to the public and a grand hall and park will be established there at an estimated cost of about ¥. 500,000 for the benefit of the public. The hall is intended for various meetings and the ground for the athletic exercises of private organizations when it is not in use for Imperial sports. It is also intended for a place of safety in case of catastrophe.

The N.C.D. News Nanking correspondent writes on March 1:—The foreign community has been saddened by the death of Miss Grace Evelyn Burnham, who had been in the employ of the International Export Company for 25 years of age, and since she was taken ill seven weeks ago, the whole community has watched her brave fight for life. She was the best of care in the Foreign Memorial Hospital and the Company spared no expense in securing the best medical advice from Shanghai, but no means availed to stay the disease, and she died early yesterday morning. The burial took place on Saturday afternoon in the foreign cemetery, and was attended by a large company of friends. Miss Burnham was from Ayerbury, England, and was the eldest member of a large family of children; her parents both living. She came to China 18 months ago.

### IMPUDENT ROBBERY.

THIEF GETS AWAY WITH NOTES.

As the day's takings were being checked at the counter of a shop in Hollywood Road yesterday evening, a man who gave the impression that he was visiting the adjacent store, walked up and grabbed two bundles of notes. Surprise ensued as he was able to dash out into the street and turn into Square Street. The shop folks gave chase but lost sight of their quarry in a crowded part of the street where an orchestra was performing. The shop where the robbery was committed was occupied by the Wing Yee rice firm, No. 205, Hollywood Road. A report was made subsequently to the police when the loss was placed at \$496.

### TOY PISTOL.

FIVE WEEKS FOR FILIPINO.

Possession of a toy automatic pistol, in that it was an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, was alleged against Benito Hinson (22), who was described as a Filipino, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning. Defendant was arrested yesterday, in the coolie quarters of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road, with a metal water smoking-pipe hidden under his jacket. When searched the toy pistol was found. His Worship sentenced defendant to seven days' imprisonment for larceny of the pipe and a month's hard labour for possession of the toy weapon.

### DRUG EVIL.

REWARDS FOR USEFUL INFORMATION.

An announcement appears in some of the vernacular papers in the name of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to the effect that the Government has laid down a scale of rewards for seizures of opium, etc.:—  
Raw opium, \$2 to \$3 per pound; good quality prepared opium \$1 per tale, poor quality 50 cents; Morphine, cocaine and heroin, 50 cents per ounce. An additional 20 cents per unit if conviction is obtained.

Opium divan conviction, \$20; boiling illicit opium \$40. Possession of forged Government opium labels, reward to be according to merit of each case with a minimum of \$50. Seizure of smuggled tobacco and liquors, half the proceeds of sale for information. Rewards on above scale up to \$500. Over \$500, half the rates up to maximum of \$2,000. If amount exceeds \$2,000, to be decided according to merit.

### APRIL 13.

LOCAL LAWYER'S UNLUCKY DAY.

"That is my unlucky day" protested a solicitor, Mr. W. F. Corbett, at the Summary Court this morning when Mr. Justice Gompertz offered him March 13 as a date for the hearing of a case in which he was interested.

His Honour considered the point for a moment and then smilingly suggested that perhaps it might be a lucky day for the other side.

The hearing of the case, one in which Police Sgt. F. T. James and his wife are suing the Moon Garage as the sequel to a collision on the Repulse Bay Road, was accordingly fixed for the date mentioned. It had previously been set down for hearing on February 13 but was struck out because neither the plaintiffs nor their solicitor turned up. When representations were made to Mr. Justice Gompertz, however, he allowed it to be reinstated.

### BILLIARDS.

The annual billiards handicap for the Ho Kam-tong cups will be held at the Palace Hotel commencing on April 1. Entries close on the 26th. Mr. Ho Kam-tong, whose interest in billiards is well known, has kindly presented cups valued at \$175 for the winner, \$75 second, and \$50 third. A committee from different clubs, messes and both Services will be asked to handicapper. Entrance fee will be \$3 and this will go to local charities. The billiard table at the Palace Hotel is one of the best in the Colony and entrants are sure of a pleasant game. The handicap was won by the local champion, Mr. A. J. O'Connell, from 300 having scratch.



## PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAMS.

## NAVAL OIL LEASE SCANDAL.

## STATEMENT FROM WHITE HOUSE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 6.

The following telegram from President Coolidge to Mr. McLean in Florida, dated January 12, was placed on record by the oil committee to-day:

"Prescott is away. Advise Slomp with whom I shall confer." Slomp, the President's secretary, was then in Florida. Members of the committee are not aware who Prescott was.

The President telegraphed to McLean at Palm Beach on February 12:

"Thank you for your message. You have always been considerate. Mrs. Coolidge joins me in sending kindest regards to Mrs. McLean."

President Coolidge immediately made a statement from the White House saying that the matters mentioned in his message related to questions of the local government of the district of Columbia in which Washington is located.

The President explained that he desired to confer with Prescott who was Republican City Chairman regarding district matters.

Mr. Coolidge declared that the second telegram was a reply to Mr. McLean's telegram congratulating the President on his Lincoln's day speech, and amounted merely to an exchange of amenities.

## INCOME TAX SECRETS.

Mr. Coolidge declined to submit to the oil committee tax returns of individuals and corporations prominently mentioned in the investigation, stating that the acting Attorney-General advises him that the President is without authority to comply with the request.

Mr. Coolidge however offers to co-operate in an effort to secure amendment of the regulations which would permit the committee to inspect the returns.

## "FRAUD"

WASHINGTON, March 6.

It is announced that the Government next week will begin suit for cancellation of the oil leases granted to the Doheny and Sinclair interests on the ground of "fraud and illegality."

An injunction will also be asked for restraining the lessees from making any further drillings.

The court has been requested to appoint receivers to control the Government properties pending litigation.

EARLIER CABLES.

The question of the requirement of Mr. Daugherty has again been given serious attention, and it is even stated that White House is considering the selection of his successor.

One of the reasons for the recrudescence of the demand for his resignation is the alleged disclosures resulting from the Grand Jury investigation by the Chicago Bureau, during which the Jury reported that Government funds were used for speculation and sums paid to two members of Congress.

The disclosures are stated to relate to matters over which Mr. Daugherty had technical jurisdiction as head of the Department of Justice.

## TO PREVENT ATTACK.

LATER.

It is announced that Mr. McLean's congratulations related to the President's reply to the Senate's demand for the resignation of Mr. Denby.

Speaking in the Senate, Senator Lodge warmly defended President Coolidge in connection with the telegrams to McLean, declaring that they were perfectly trivial and easily explained. He said there should be a rule to protect the President from such attacks on the part of Senators.

## HEATED SENATE DEBATE.

WASHINGTON, March 7.

Replying to Senator Lodge, Senator Harrison denied he had attacked the President. An altercation then ensued between Senators Harrison and Lodge terminating in Senator Harrison expressing the hope that the President would make an explanation and that the country would accept Senator Lodge's statement. At this stage Senators Heflin, Cawaway and McKellar intervened. Recalling that Senator Lodge was formerly one of ex-President Wilson's bitterest attackers, Senator Walsh charged Senator Lodge with trying to utilize the people's just respect and reverence for the presidency in order to "minimize the effects of the oil disclosure." The debate gradually became more heated. Senator Cawaway again bitterly assailed Senator Lodge, declaring that everybody knows Wilson sleeps in his grave as a result of abuse and unjustified attacks levelled against him when President.

## NOTED DOCTOR.

## ABOARD S.S. "LACONIA" ON ITS WORLD TOUR.

Among the passengers of note aboard the Cunarder s.s. "Laconia" is Dr. Edward Ahlswede of New York, a well known bacteriological expert, who during his trip round the world is making a visit to more than a hundred hospitals, hygienic laboratories, and medical institutions collecting material on tropical diseases.

Dr. Ahlswede is the son of a noted London medical man. He studied at Cambridge, Sorbonne, Paris and in Germany and made a special study of dermatology at the Unna Clinic, Hamburg. The doctor specialises in deep X-ray therapy at the State Institute for the Study of Malignant Diseases, Buffalo, N.Y.

Dr. Ahlswede is quoted as an authority in his particular subject and his 80 medical papers have enhanced his reputation in the medical world. Among the more important of his works are "Red Light Treatment," "Non-specific Protein Therapy," "Non-specific therapy in Syphilis Treatment," and "Non-Surgical Treatment of Malignant Tumours." He has been engaged for the last three years on a treatise dealing with the treatment of the skin and venereal diseases which is to be published in the United States.

## STEAMER AFIRE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, March 6.

Rangoon broadcasted an S.O.S. from the steamer "Strath Lorne" afire in the Bay of Bengal and later broadcasted that assistance was not required.

A Reuter cable from Washington says it is understood that the engagement will shortly be announced of the Honourable John Cecil, First Secretary to the British Embassy, and Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, only daughter of the late George W. Vanderbilt. Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt's mother is one of the famous Dresser sisters.

## SPIRITED AWAY.

## MISSING LAUNCH MYSTERY.

## UNSIGNED LETTER.

## Police and Practical Joke Theory.

Yesterday the police received a letter in Chinese, purporting to be of an urgent nature, to the effect that the steam-launch "Kwong Shun" missing from the harbour since Sunday evening, was in a bay in the Heungshan district opposite Macao. It was posted in Macao and the exact locality of the bay was given, but the letter was not signed. The police are not inclined to attach any importance to this development, their opinion being that it is the act of an irresponsible person or, possibly, an effort of the culprits to throw the police off the scent.

Up till this afternoon, no authentic intelligence had been received at Central Station, nor had the Chinese ferry company's investigators reported anything substantial.

## Guards and Telephones.

The "Kwong Shun's" owner—it being chartered by the ferry company—is reported as being in conference with the C.S.P. and the superintendent of the company yesterday when it was suggested that Indian guards be placed on the ferries and wharves. The owner and the company's representative are said to have expressed an opinion that the guards would be extremely useful but that the Government should be responsible for supplying the guards. Another proposal was that telephones be installed on the wharves for ready communication.

Indignation has been expressed in some Chinese quarters at the suggestion that soldiers professing allegiance to the Canton government have been responsible for spiriting the launch away. It is pointed out that if the Canton authorities were in need of a launch they could easily procure one in Canton where there are very many still flying the Chinese flag.

In the surmises as to the fate of the launch it has been said—providing pirates were responsible—that the gangs previously known to have operated on Swatow and Shanghai steamers are usually natives of the Wei-Yung districts (near Shanhai) but that those who have preyed on the river-boats in the estuary and delta of the Canton River, mostly hail from the Shuntak or Tungkum districts. Some who profess to know, believe the launch is now in one of the back-reaches of the East River if she has not been destroyed.

The disappearance of this launch has led to a number of rumours regarding people taken away to ransom in previous piracies. Many well-known local Chinese firms are said to have received applications for ransom of member(s) of their staffs.

## MOTOR BOAT SEIZED.

## BRITISH FLAG AGAIN FLOUTED.

## "ROBIN" TO THE RESCUE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, March 5.

An account of the recovery by H.M.S. "Robin" in Chinese waters of a motor-boat alleged to have been commandeered by soldiers, is given in the Canton vernacular papers this morning. The motor-launch "Wing Ning" was alongside a wharf at the Western Creek on Tuesday when fourteen non-Cantonese soldiers with labels marked "the 28th brigade, 14th division, 7th army corps" proceeded to the launch and declared that the vessel was requisitioned for military purposes.

The launch flies the British flag and is registered as the property of a British firm which is known to the Chinese as "Tung Fat Young Hong" and the manager personally lodged a protest. This was of no avail as the launch was forcibly taken to a place near Shek Cheng (where the Arsenal stands). A report was made to the British Consulate whereupon the "Robin" was despatched to bring the launch back. On the approach of the "Robin" the soldiers in charge fled to the shore. The "Robin" is stated to have opened fire with her machine-guns but no hits were registered. Shortly afterwards the motor-launch was brought back to Canton and resumed her run. The labels are in the hands of the Consulate and inquiries will be made.

## HONGKONG SERVICES HOSPITALS.

## QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

## MILITARY LANDS TRANSFER POINT.

LONDON, March 6.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. Wm. Graham, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated that negotiations were proceeding between the War Office and the Hongkong Government for the exchange of the properties there, including the existing parade ground and military hospital.

If and when settlement of this question was reached, the question of hospital accommodation required by the Navy and Army, would be reconsidered.—Reuter.

## GERMANY'S PROBLEMS.

## CHANCELLOR'S REICHSTAG STATEMENT.

BERLIN, March 7.

In a speech in the Reichstag Herr Stresemann announced that a bill for the establishment of a Gold Note Bank would be submitted. He rejected the idea of neutralising the Bank of the Rhineland by making it a buffer state and said he did not believe Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made such a proposal. He declared that Germany's disarmament was almost completed in the spring of 1922. Germany could not agree to replacing the inter-Allied Military Control Commission by a commission of guarantors.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:

Hongkong Stock Exchange.—H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights buyers ex rights \$8/9 premium sales.

Cements ex rights \$29 1/4 nom. Rights \$6 prem. nom.

China Providents ex bonus and rights \$13 1/2 nominal, rights \$13 1/2 prem. nom. Bonus shares \$23 nom.

Ropes ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. buyers. Bonus shares \$27 nominal.

China Light \$13 1/4 ex rights nom. rights \$8 prem. buyers.

Note: China Providents Old Issue shares are Nod. 1/170,000. Hongkong Ropes Old Issue shares are Nod. 1/60,000.

Hongkong Share Brokers' Association.—Cements.—New issue 6 premium.

C. Lights.—New issue 5 premium.

Providents.—Ex-rights and Bonus 2/2.

Providents.—New issue premium 2/2.

Ropes.—Ex-rights and bonus shares 2/6.

Ropes.—New issue premium 1/60.

## METAL QUOTATIONS.

Mild Steel Bars.—Square 1/2" and up 50 tons indent at \$4.70 per picul, round 1/2" and up 100 tons indent at \$4.70, flat 50 tons indent at \$4.85.

Pates, 4" x 8" 3/32" 1/16" 1/4"—were also sold for indent at \$6.50 per picul.—do—4" x 8" 3/16" and up were quoted by local dealers at \$6.20.

Angles, 1 1/4" to 3"—quoted for indent at \$4.60 per picul.

Joists, 3" x 5"—quoted by local dealers at \$4.60 per picul.

Plate Cuttings.—100 tons indent at \$4.30 per picul and quoted by local dealers at \$4.75.

Rods, square, 3/8" to 5/8" x 6' to 12'—50 tons indent sold at \$5.15 per picul.

Thinplates, 14" x 20" x 100 lbs. x 1125—1000 boxes indent sold at \$11.80, local sales \$12.00, local quotations \$12.15.—do—14" x 18 1/2" x 110 lbs. x 1245 quoted by local dealers at \$10.80.

Wire Nails, quoted by local dealers:—2 1/2" 3/4" at \$12.70 per picul, 7/8" 1 1/4" at \$10.50, 1 1/2" to 3" at \$9.30 and sold (indent) at \$9.00.

Galvanized Wire, 13 to 17 B.W.G.—sold by local dealers at \$9.90 per picul and quoted at \$10.00.—do—18 to 22 B.W.G. sold and quoted at \$12.30.

Galvanized Plain Sheets 3' x 7' x 30 G.—50 tons indent at 13 cents per lb and quoted for indent at 13.2 cents.

## NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

## MANY RICE STEAMERS ARRIVE.

There are few if any changes to report in the Nam Pak Hong quotations for Java sugar, rice and flour.

This week about a dozen ships (including those chartered) have arrived with rice cargoes from Saigon and a smaller number from Bangkok. It has not been able to re-ship the imports immediately on arrival as is customary and many lots have been landed into godown causing congestion.

However, importers are not in the least inclined to lower prices and are prepared to hold on.

## JAPANESE INSURANCE.

TOKYO, March 6.

The Privy Council is not willing to accept the Government's insurance proposal. It is understood that the Government has decided to pay the subsidy on its own responsibility, after which it will obtain the sanction of the Diet.—Reuter.

## NO HOPE.

## FOR FILIPINOS' INDEPENDENCE.

## ANTI-AMERICAN BOYCOTT FAILURE.

MANILA, March 7.

A letter from President Coolidge stating that there is no hope of independence for the Philippines at present is regarded as knocking out the props under the local campaign to raise money by voluntary contributions to continue propaganda in the United States. A few thousand pesos have been raised so far to which three Americans, one of whom is a missionary and the other two business men, have contributed. The projected boycott of American merchants, newspapers etc., has failed to materialize to date though there are evidences of attempts being made and a chain letter advising a boycott is being circulated.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, March 4.

Interviewing Mr. Coolidge, Sir Esme Howard, the new British Ambassador, expressed on behalf of the King and Prime Minister cordialship towards the United States. He gave an assurance that he would always endeavour to maintain and promote in every possible manner the cordial Anglo-American relations so much desired by every member of the British Empire.

Mr. Coolidge cordially reciprocated the greetings, and declared that happily no clouds shadowed the relations between the two countries. He believed and was conscious that the identity of the general aims which the two nations were cherishing, and the similar ideals, disciplined by liberty, truth, and love of justice would be a mighty force in bringing the world to a just and lasting peace.—Reuter.

By his will, sworn at \$111,951, Mr. G. B. White, a director of Messrs. Hartley, Cooper, and Co., underwriters, of Lloyd's, left \$5,000 each to Harrow School, Christ's Hospital School, Hoveham, and Lloyd's Benevolent Fund. Mr. Armand Guggenheim, Swiss Consul at Manchester, left estate of the gross value of £136,510.

## TRADE TREATY.

BERLIN, March 5.

The German-Dutch Trade Treaty which expires on April 1 has been renewed for a period of three years. The prohibitive Import Duty raised in Holland against German footwear will then cease.—Reuter.

## LOAN FOR SIAM.

LONDON, March 5.

The Financial News gives currency to a rumour that Siam will shortly issue a £1,000,000 loan in London.—Reuter.

## RUBBER.

The output of Garing (Malacca) Rubber Estate for the year ended September 30, 1923, was 235,000 lbs. Net profit was £286, plus £248 brought in. Directors recommend writing off from discount on Debentures £1,000, carrying forward £67. Trading profit was £3,074, against £623. Gross average realised was 1s. 1.55d. against 9.14d.

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration mines for the week ending February 23, amounted to 44,091 tons and the sales during the period to 65,383 tons.

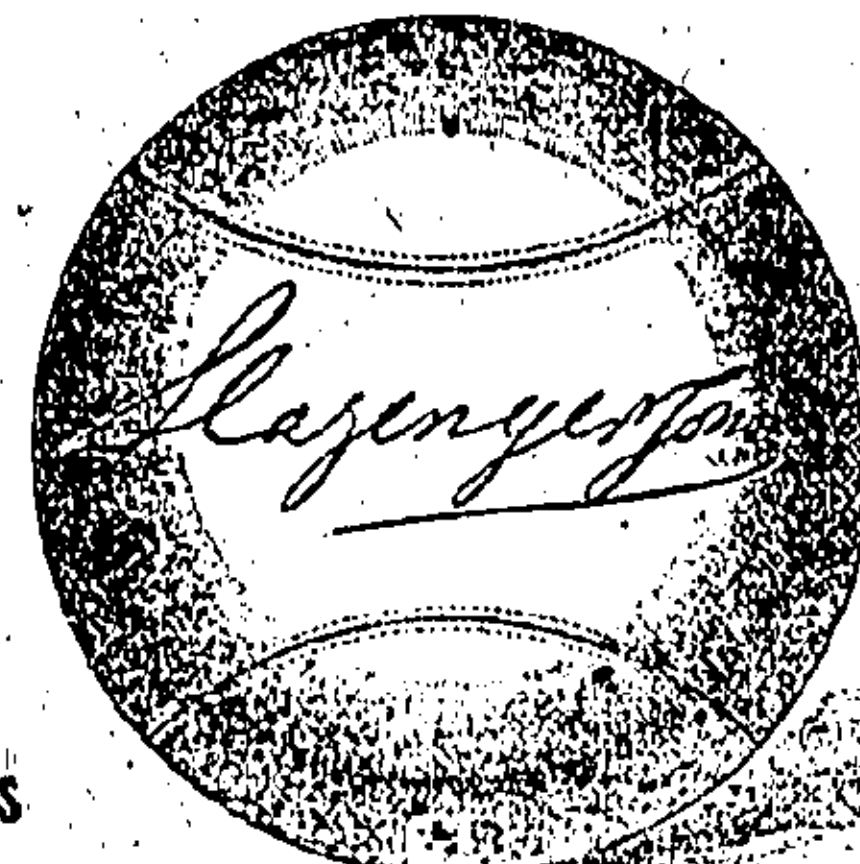
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## MODERN MARVELS. COMING WIRELESS WONDERS.

It is not many months since the Broadcasting "boom" reached England, but already splendid progress has been made in many directions. Within the past week or so, an American programme sent out from Pittsburgh, and relayed in London, was picked up clearly in South Africa, the spoken word being carried a distance of more than 9,500 miles. The solemn notes of Big Ben, sounding the death-knell of 1923 were broadcast from London to 13th of Great.

It is obvious that as such excellent results have been achieved in a short time, with wireless in its absolute infancy, we may expect rapid progress in the near future; and with numerous experiments in all countries engaged in various branches of radio research, many new wireless wonders are likely to come to pass. Science has given this generation a wonderful force within the reach of all for education and amusement.

In the next few years the number of broadcasting stations will be increased, and instead of the restricted programme of today, we shall be able to broadcast, if we wish, for 12 hours a day; furthermore, several programmes to suit all tastes will be sent out simultaneously on different wave-lengths.

### A RADIO TUBE MACHINE.

We shall have more frequent and complete news bulletins, and a most important development will be the radio tube machine, to record news received during absence. A special wave-length will be reserved for verbatim reports of the proceedings of Parliament to be sent out all the time the House is sitting. Interested citizens will be able to follow all debates. Complete concerts and theatre programmes will be frequently broadcast.

A popular future development will be the broadcasting of wireless photographs from all parts of the world illustrating the events mentioned in the news. House and public clocks of the future will probably be synchronised with special signals sent out several times a day. Another useful development will be wireless alarm clocks worked by signals sent out every half hour in the morning. It will merely be necessary to set the clock to pick up the signal at the selected time. Wireless sets of the future will undoubtedly be more efficient and compact, and will cost considerably less. Atmospheric "jamming" will be a thing of the past, and the amateur in the near future will receive a service which those of today might well regard with envy.

### WIRELESS FINGER PRINTS.

The criminal of the future will find his chances of escape reduced to a minimum when his description, photograph, and possibly finger-prints, can be flashed all over the country in a few seconds.

Before discussing the development of radio sight, control, power and photographs, I would point out that although these branches of wireless research are in their embryo stage, the first barriers have been broken down, and they will be developed just as surely as the aeroplanes and battleships.

Having solved the problem of transmitting speech half-way round the globe, we now wish to be able to see the people with whom we are speaking, and "Television," or "wireless sight," will solve this problem in the future. To-day we could place a television machine "looking" at a field, and with twin apparatus one mile away, irrespective of obstacles, we could roughly state how many figures were moving in the field, but the "shadows" would be indistinct, and no details could be distinguished. Nearly ten years ago fairly successful partial vision was obtained over eight miles of telephone wire, and there is no reason why equal, or better, results should not eventually be obtained by wireless.

Television will do away with much of the present need of travel, and will speed up commerce generally. The business man who is indisposed and confined to his bed will be able to keep in touch with affairs by wireless.

### SEEING BY WIRELESS.

Expensive educational facilities will be within the reach of all, for a dozen colleges could be linked up by wireless, and all pupils would have a professor's lecture and see any diagrams drawn. A popular

development will be that instead of fighting to get to the Cup Final, Derby, or Boat Race, you will sit, perhaps in a cinema, and see the event by wireless sight, at the actual time of it taking place.

At present, apart from active interference, we could control an aeroplane for a hundred-mile flight and bring it back to the aerodrome, and our wireless-control methods will quickly improve. During war and peace of the future we shall control airships, dirigibles, tanks, tanks, tanks and tanks. A great advantage is that pilotless aeroplanes will be able to rise to the upper air where the wind resistance is less, although lack of air currents pilots attaining that height, and they will be able to travel at enormous speeds with special engines.

It should be explained that wireless control is not a process of sending power; it is merely sending directions to the power that is on the spot in order that it may be applied as required. Toy airships can be controlled—these are now being sold—but this "toy" method has no real value, as any radio set can obtain equal control over the object. To obviate this in scientific control directions are sent by a secret combination of different wave lengths on the principle of the letter lock.

Early experiments in the transmission of induced power have been sufficiently successful to prove that it is only a question of patient research to bring it to a state of real efficiency. Even to-day, by an expenditure of a few horse-power we can totally destroy inductively a thin iron wire at a distance of about four feet without any connection.

The use of wireless power as a destructive agent, say to crumble up the rigging of an aeroplane, does not entail sending waves of heat through air, as it would obviously exhaust itself on the journey. The problem is to transfer energy as "electrical" oscillation which would generate heat when it actually strikes the metal, and it is with this view to solving this problem that experiments are being conducted.

I believe that in the earlier stages of wireless power will be locally distributed from cables, under the main roads, and vehicles will pick up the power through the meter as required. In the far future "wireless" power will be sent out from several stations, and practically all machinery will be driven by this source.

### WIRELESS PICTURES.

An interesting branch of radio science that will be of use in the future is the transmission of light. To-day we can place a dozen bulbs on a table without any connection, light them inductively by an expenditure of two horse-power, and keep them brightly burning for any length of time. In the far future wireless light may be broadcast from stations in the same way as power.

In 1912 a partial photograph was successfully transmitted by wireless for about four miles, and the methods employed have much improved since that date. There are several methods of transmitting pictures in use to-day, all in elementary stages of usefulness, and it remains to be proved which will eventually be the most efficient for everyday use.

Wireless photographs will eventually be flashed to the newspapers from all parts of the world and published as quickly as news is at present.

The wireless transmission of writing will be of great use in the future. It will speed up business, for business men will be able to see, speak, and write to each other by wireless. Cheques and documents will be signed at a distance, and plans and drawings of all descriptions will be sent by radio.

All branches of radio science will develop steadily, and it is certain that the wireless wonders of the present day are nothing compared with what is yet to come. The development of radio will mean that our neighbours will come to be for us foreigners as all, but friends whom we may call to our fireside by the turning over of a lever.

All that we have now from radio has been obtained within a few years. What would our grandparents have said of the wireless telephone? Let that thought be before us.

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## SHANGHAI WEDDING.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Sunday afternoon in the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, Shanghai, when Miss Kate Raymond, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Raymond, of Hongkong, and Mr. May Friedman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedman, were married. The elaborate floral decorations were furnished by the Lewis Nurseries. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. J. H. Solomon, wore an effective gown of white marcelin, skillfully draped, with a side panel forming a train, caught at the side with a handsome buckle. The lace veil was embroidered with silver and the bridal bouquet was of white roses and ferns. The bridesmaids, Misses Mabel Solomon, Esther Sternberg, Naomi Joseph, Hannah Solomon, Florence Solomon and the flower girl, Miss Hilda Solomon, all wore tulle and silver lace gowns in pastel shades of pink, lavender, pale blue and eau-de-nil and carried sweet peas and carnations. The matron of honour, Mrs. J. H. Solomon, sister of the bride, wore an original creation of pink and silver lace made over a green satin slip and carried pink carnations.

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## STRIKES IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, March 5. A number of employees at the Baden Aniline Dye Works, at Ludwigshafen struck yesterday, refusing to work nine hours a day. The strikers to-day forcibly entered the works and ejected those who were working.

The police were summoned and the strikers opened fire. There were a number of casualties on both sides in the ensuing fight. A general strike has been declared in the shipyards at Hamburg, Bremen, Luebeck and Stettin.—Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

### NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. John Scott Harston in our firm ceased on the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

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### NOTICE.

THE business of Solicitors and Notaries Public heretofore carried on by us under the style of Deacon, Harston & Shenton will, as from to-day's date, be carried on under the style of Deacons. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

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# HOUSING PROBLEM.

## HONGKONG'S RAPACIOUS LANDLORDS.

### GOVERNOR'S BITING CRITICISM.

As indicated in the necessarily brief summary of the proceedings given in yesterday's *China Mail*, the housing problem came up for discussion in the Legislative Council when the second reading of the bill to amend the Rents Ordinance and prevent unnecessary reconstruction was moved by the Attorney General.

Replying to the Hon. Mr. Pollock who had expressed the view that our housing troubles were not likely to be at an end for some years and had drawn attention to the case of a thousand Chinese living in Cook Street, Hongkong, who were to be evicted by their landlords, His Excellency the Governor said:—

I do not grudge the Hon. Mr. Pollock the satisfaction in knowing, as he has said, that he has converted the Government to his view, but I think at the same time I am bound to point out that the opposition to his motion in June last was not Government opposition. I venture to say that it was mainly my own personal view, which apparently has a weight in the Council that both Mr. Pollock and I now deplore. I was careful to say at the time that I left the matter to the unbiased judgment of the Council, and the unbiased judgment of the Council members supported by one unofficial member, was against the hon. member's suggestion. I still adhere to much that I said on that occasion. The fact that it was an advantage to landlords to destroy insanitary property, to pull down their houses and build bigger, was improving affairs in the Colony to a considerable extent, and I confess that where I went wrong was that I thought I had credited the landlords of the Colony with more public spirit and a more refined idea of common honesty than they appear to possess. I thought we might assume as a rule, that a landlord would only pull down his premises for effecting a distinct improvement. I did not suppose there would be so many persons there who, as has been proved, would be prepared to go to the extreme length of destroying good buildings in order to evade the law. I can only express my regret that I took a higher view of humanity than appears to have been justified by local circumstances, and that the hon. member showed a better judgment of his fellow man than I did.

### HOUSING EMPLOYERS.

With regard to the question of the premises in Cook Street, if the hon. member will forward to me communication he has received from the Colonial Secretary, we will go into the matter; but I should like to observe there are points of difference between this case and the Rutter Street case to which he has referred. In the Rutter Street case the majority of the persons housed there were night-soil carriers, people who perform a somewhat unattractive but very useful function in the interest of the community. It was for these men who, in the interests of the community, we took the trouble to provide new houses. In the present case, if my memory serves, the people in Cook Street are almost without exception employed by the Dock Company and the Cement Works, and I submit for your consideration, gentlemen, that it is a proper thing to expect wealthy companies of that nature to provide for the adequate housing of their working classes rather than to expect possibly less wealthy fellow citizens to assist them, through the medium of the Government. I suggest that the matter is one deserving of the consideration of the companies.

The hon. member went on to deal generally with the question of the renewal of the Rents Ordinance. I feel some diffidence, afraid, what the hon. member has said in expressing my opinion, but I do again venture to say that I hope this is the last time in which it will be necessary to continue the Ordinance. At the same time, if it is necessary to do so, I shall have no hesitation in once again proposing a further amendment.

I should like to correct the hon. member on one point. I do not propose to bring forward this resolution as a Government measure, but intend to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the Council. I do not propose to ask the Government majority to vote against its inclination or conscience, and I fancy the inclination and the conscience of the Official majority will be very much in accordance with my own views in this matter.

### POPULATION FIGURES.

The hon. member referred to the fact that according to a very curious and recalcitrant method of calculation, certain authorities believed the population of this Colony to be now about 200,000. I am not absolutely satisfied with the data upon which this calculation is made, but in any case, I do not think it is a very large increase on the number of the

# CRICKET.

## HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

### UNDERGRADUATES v. STAFF.

In this game, played on Wednesday, the Staff won fairly comfortably after a poor start, thanks to some good batting by Hett and Ponsby-Fane. Hett and Sir Claud Severn also distinguished themselves as bowlers, being unchanged throughout the Undergraduates' innings. Scores:—

Undergraduates.	Staff.
H. N. Balhetchet, b Hett .....	10
D. Laing, b Severn .....	0
B. P. Ng, c Hornell, b Severn ..	9
C. W. Lam, c and b Hett .....	22
J. L. Youngsaye, c and b Severn ..	5
M. B. Osman, c Gittins, b Severn ..	36
S. O. Shahabudin, c and b Severn ..	6
W. H. Sling, b Hett .....	1
H. Y. Leong, b Hett .....	0
T. O. Yeow, not out .....	2
A. A. Rumjahn, b Hett .....	0
S. Hachiuma, b Hett .....	0
Extras .....	2
Total .....	43

Bowling Analysis.	o.	m.	n.	w.
A. S. Hett .....	14.4	3	45	6
Sir C. Severn .....	14	2	43	4
Staff.				
J. H. B. Nihill, b.w. Balhetchet ..	1			
M. H. Roffey, b Rumjahn .....	13			
W. M. Gittins, run out .....	0			
F. A. Redmond, run out .....	45			
R. A. Ponsby-Fane, not out .....	61			
A. S. Hett, retired .....	1			
W. W. Hornell, run out .....	4			
R. K. M. Simpson, b Laing .....	1			
C. A. M. Smith, b Laing .....	13			
Sir Claud Severn, not out .....	12			
Extras .....	13			
Total (for 7 wickets) .....	151			

W. J. Hinton and J. L. Shell-shear did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	o.	m.	n.	w.
Balhetchet .....	8	2	16	1
Rumjahn .....	14	2	58	1
Youngsaye .....	9	5	4	0
Shahabudin .....	6	1	17	0
Laing .....	8	2	16	2
Lam .....	4	0	29	0

# HU-LA-LA-LA.

## HAWAIIAN'S KOWLOON SUCCESS.

When we see a starch-fronted audience wringing its shoulders and cringing its stiff collars and hear a faint mumbling of words sounding vaguely like "Yakka-lukkey-hulu-toussie-loussie," there must be something in the air which is infectious. Hawaiian music is catching and leaves its victims exhausted. If the Royal Hawaiians directed by Irene West at the Star Theatre last night had given more of their concerted items and less of their sentimental solos—sentimental they must have been, though the words were anything but so—the audience would have left the theatre with dislocated shoulders and felt growing round their waists. Hawaiian music indeed, gets right to the bones, if taken in moderate doses. It is sentimental, soothing and restorative. The dancing requires just one word—"seductive." Franchise Helen knew all the tricks and gave them, and was cheered. She danced the famous Hula to perfection and everyone left mumbling "Oo-la-la-la."

# BIRDS.

Of Birds of the air, rise!  
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Pierce through opaline skies—  
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Then fill the clouds with His song  
And mimic the joys of regret—  
And tarry! Your moments are long  
For mankind would ere forget.

Twitter His notes of peace,  
A veal of woe's on the sod—  
Change sad hearts into bliss,  
And all glory be to God!

—H. M. Silva.

census of 1921, because it so happens that the calculations were made in the year 1922, when the official figures were somewhere under 700,000, whereas the calculation put the population of the Colony at 1,300,000. I should think it possible that at the present time the correct figure is somewhere between the two.

As the hon. member rightly says, a great deal depends upon the restoration of order in Canton, and as he again rightly says, the present circumstances do not seem to indicate that the restoration of order is a matter of time. I hope to be able to assist the staff of the Public Works Department, must leave to the discretion of the Public Works Department, which will be able to answer to me or less.

# BISHOPS IN HONGKONG.

## TO ATTEND THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

Delegates to the Synod of the Chinese Church, which, unprecedented in its history, will meet this year at Canton from March 16 to the 23rd, are arriving in Hongkong in varying numbers, and it is expected, will be here to attend the Diocesan Conference of the Church of England to be held on Monday, March 10, at St. John's Cathedral.

The visiting Bishops include Bishop Graves of Chekiang, Bishop Hind of Foochow, Bishop Dawson of Labuan and Sarawak, Bishop Norris of Peking, Bishop Mosher of the Philippine Islands, Bishop Maloney of Shanghai, Bishop Ferguson-Davies of Singapore and Bishop Scott of Shantung, with Bishops Hare, Root, Benister, White, Huntington, an American Bishop and one Chinese Bishop.

The Diocesan Conference, open to the public at its two sessions, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and 5.15 to 6.45 p.m., will be presided over by the Bishop of Victoria. The Rev. J. Northcott, C. F., will open a discussion on "Where is the Church Failing?" At 5.15 p.m., Bishop Maloney will open on the subject "What is meant by a Mission of Help? Do we need one in the Far East?" He will be followed by the Bishop of Singapore on "Some Practical Suggestions."

The visiting Bishops will be welcomed on Friday, 14th, at the City Hall by the Victoria Diocesan Association. The Bishop of Victoria and Sir Claud Severn will speak at meeting.

# NEW UNION CHURCH.

## SITE SELECTED IN KOWLOON.

To make application to the Government for a site near the new Kowloon Hospital on which to build a new church for Kowloon, is the decision reached by the Committee of the Union Church after protracted negotiations. A Kowloon Site Committee comprising a group of well known church-goers took up the idea after its first proposal and have been in communication with the Government regarding the suitability of several sites. Many possible sites have been viewed, one near Hung Hom, another near Yau Ma Tei, whilst at one time endeavour were made to secure a piece of ground on the Whitfield Barracks area, or in King's Park, adjoining Gascoigne Road.

The King's Park proposal could not be entertained by the Government owing to certain conditions imposed by the War Department. Eventually, and in view of the prospects of rapid development, a visit was made to land near the site of the Kowloon Hospital, and as a result it is learnt that the General Committee of the Union Church has resolved to ask the Government for a plot of ground in this vicinity.

In the meantime it has been decided to erect a temporary church on the small plot of vacant ground at the end of Cox's Path, which abuts on Jordan Road. Services are at present being held in the Central British school.

# SMOKE AND FLAME.

## THRILLING FIRE PICTURE HERE.

Through the choking fumes and the scorching flames, the old fireman stumbles to rescue his only son who is entrapped in a burning building with his sweetheart. Perils that have daunted the bravest cannot halt his valiant step, discharged from the brigade though he has been as too old for further service. What is the impulse that drives him on where younger men have flinched?—father's love for his son, the grim desire to defeat an enemy's nefarious plans, the innate love of battle against the terrible demon fire. These are questions that cannot be answered in a sentence, for they are questions which delve deep into the intense drama of the great screen epic now showing at the Coronet Theatre.

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Cairo, March 5.—The Procurator-General is enquiring into the spread of Communist ideas among Alexandria workmen and the possibility of ramifications in the provinces. Employees of the Vacuum Oil Company Ltd. have struck. Workers at the Kafrelayeh Cotton Company's factory have returned, but the Aboucharrah Cotton Oil factory, which the employees formerly took possession and then evacuated, are still closed, the proprietors refusing to compromise with the strikers.



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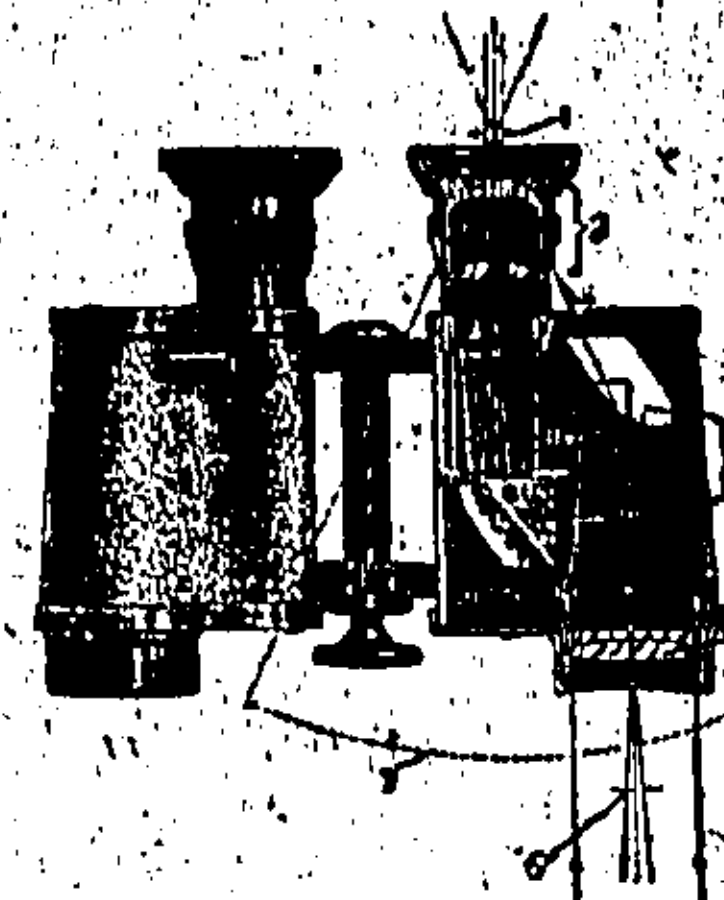
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## ENGAGING EXTRA MEN.

### HON. MR. POLLOCK'S QUERIES.

In the course of his speech in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the Hon. Mr. Pollock said:—

In connection with this abnormal demand for building in this Colony I should like, if I may do so, and I hope I am not taking you at a disadvantage—to enquire of the hon. Director of Public Works what steps have been taken, and whether those steps have proved effective, for carrying out certain recommendations made by the Commission with regard to the increase of the Survey Department and the increase of the Building Ordinance Office department of the Public Works Department. My fellow Commissioners and I were very much impressed with the fact that both these departments of the Public Works Department were seriously under-manned, and we should like some assurance that at any rate steps are being taken to remedy the deficiencies in the staff. I would take this opportunity of asking, whether any steps have been taken to carry out the recommendation made in paragraph 50 of the Commissioner's report, that "In the meantime, to meet the present urgent demand of the public for the speedier issuing out of building plans, we suggest that the Government should, forthwith, endeavour to engage the services for a period of 12 months, of a temporary Engineering and Survey staff from the local Naval and Military Forces." I think, Sir, that is all I want to say on the second reading of the Bill.

The Director of Public Works replied: Up to the present time several officers have been indentured for and are on their way out. We have received notice that they are coming. I should like, if I may, without giving the figures now, to be allowed to submit a statement. I cannot tell you exactly, but I think we have four additional men since we were asked to obtain them. There has been considerable delay in obtaining them, but they will arrive soon. I will submit a correct statement as to how we stand.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Can the hon. member tell us what branches of the Public Works Department they are coming to?

The Director of Public Works: There are two Surveyors and I think I am correct in saying there is one man for the Building Ordinance Office. One will be relieved to go there by an additional man in the architects' department. I can give you a correct statement as to how the matter stands if I may have a little notice.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Has there been any difficulty experienced in some cases? For instance has a man been appointed and failed to come? Has there been any difficulty in getting men out from Home?

The Director of Public Works: Not in the two departments you have mentioned, but in the architects' department yes.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: What is the reason?

The Director of Public Works: They did not give us a reason. They sent us a telegram afterwards that these men had withdrawn.

His Excellency the Governor: The reason, I think is that the men are really not available owing to the interruption in the trade by the war.

New York, March 5.—Judge Hand, of the Federal High Court, ruled that wives and minor children of resident aliens were not admissible in excess of the immigration quotas unless it was shown that the resident alien had married while on a temporary visit abroad. Mr. Thomas, Assistant United States Attorney, states that the decision will have immediate restrictive effects.—*Reuter*.

San José, Costa Rica, March 5.—The damage to Government buildings and churches by earthquakes during the past ten days is estimated at \$15,000,000. Private losses are heavy, but the total has not yet been assessed. There were 411 shocks within twelve hours, but the number of casualties were few, as the first-coming shock gave people time to reach safety.—*Reuter*.

# HONGKONG WEDDING.

## The wedding of Dr. C. H. Wan, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), highly popular among the local Chinese.

medical fraternity, and Miss. Luf-Wing-chob, at the Union Church yesterday, attracted an admiring gathering of friends who were unrestrainedly eloquent in their congratulations at a reception given last night in honour of the happy couple at the Yee Wo restaurant.

At the church ceremony, conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the bride, given away by Dr. Y. K. To, was dressed in pink silk and wore veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pink roses, and was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses To, who wore dresses of pale blue silk and also carried bouquets of pink roses. The duties of best man were carried out by Dr. S. To Wong, who was in England with the bridegroom. Mr. S. Collett directed the music which included a hymn sung in Chinese, and, as the couple left the Church, Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

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Madrid, March 5.—Reports from Valencia, Alicante and Barcelona announce the departure for Morocco of an infantry brigade with stores and artillery.—*Reuter*.

London, March 5.—The Army Estimates for 1924-25 amount to \$45,000,000 compared with \$52,000,000 last year. The establishment, excluding India, is 152,000 men compared with 154,000 last year.—*Reuter*.

Paris, March 5.—The Executive Committee of the Radical Socialist Party has passed a resolution excluding from the Party M. Sarraut, Minister for the Colonies, and M. La Font, Under Secretary of State for Posts and seven deputies who supported bills contrary to the Party's decisions.—*Reuter*.

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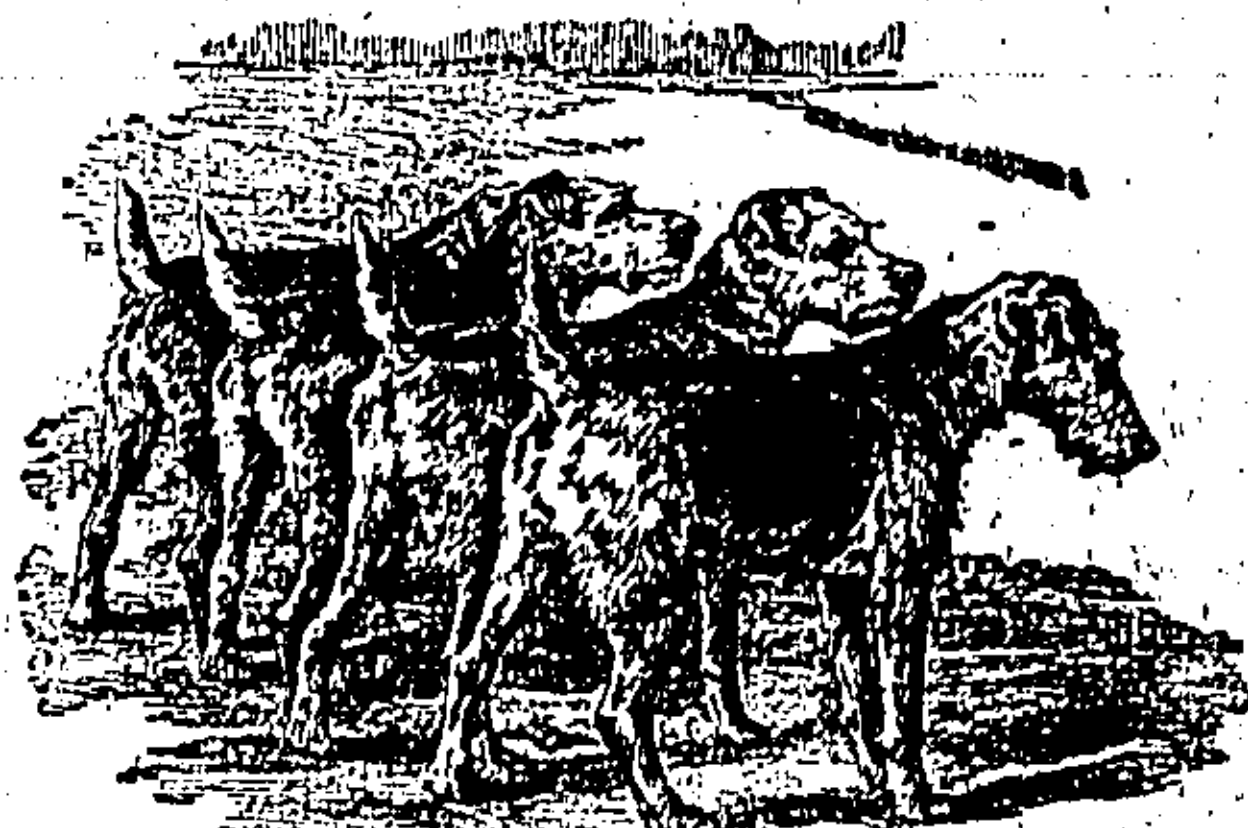
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The Hon. Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who informed the House of Commons yesterday that the Government was introducing legislation to deal with the Boxer Indemnity funds.



Mr. Winston Churchill whom the latest cables report to have received the support of several prominent Conservatives in his candidacy for the Westminster Abbey Division by-election.



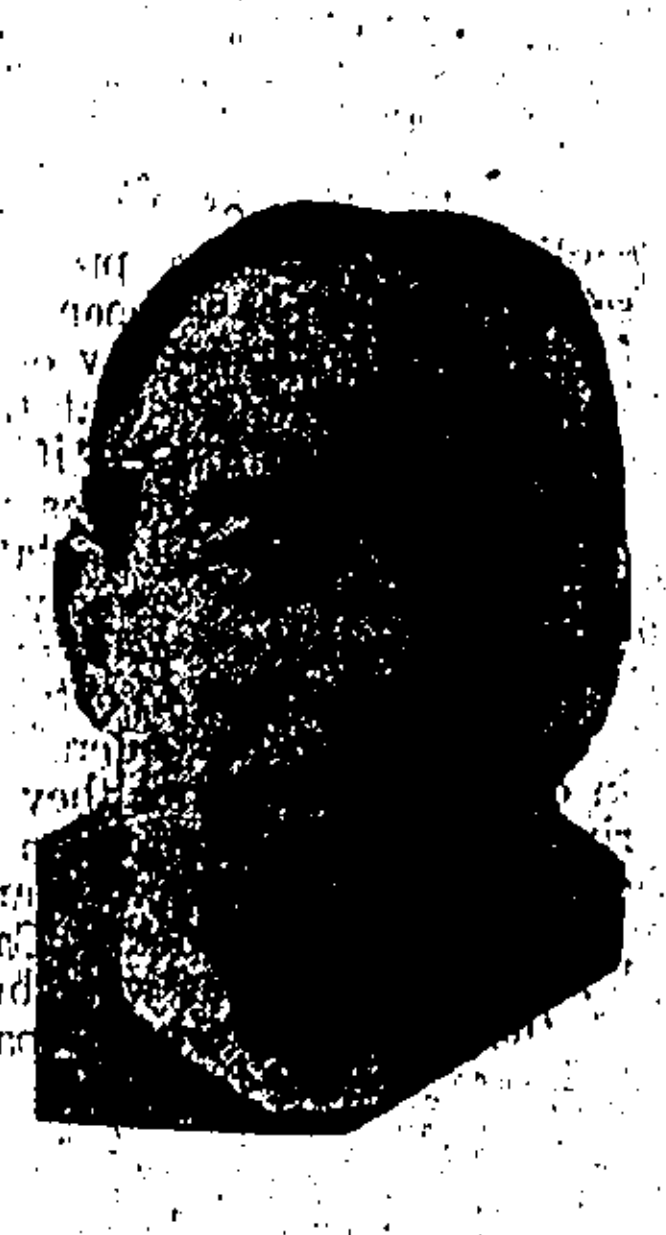
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The King recently saw a demonstration of tanks and infantry attacking in combination with smoke screen put down by howitzers.

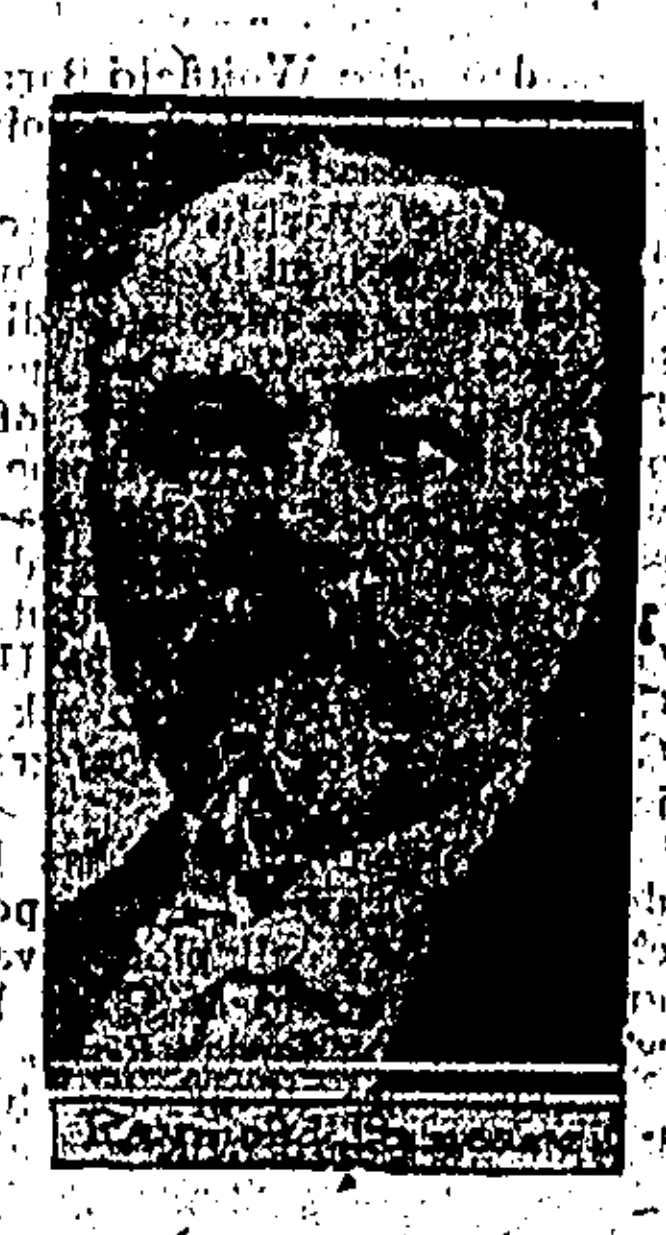
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This morning's earliest cables reported that the treason trial against Ludendorff was suddenly interrupted by the chief prosecutor refusing to continue owing to humiliating attacks by counsel for the defence.



Mr. Stanley Baldwin, leader of the Conservative Party, according to this afternoon's cables has been asked by Mr. Scott Duckers, the Liberal candidate, if he supports Mr. Winston Churchill's candidacy.



Premier of France, who has threatened, to-day's cables report, to resign unless the Senate changes its views over provisions of the Finance Bill it has rejected.

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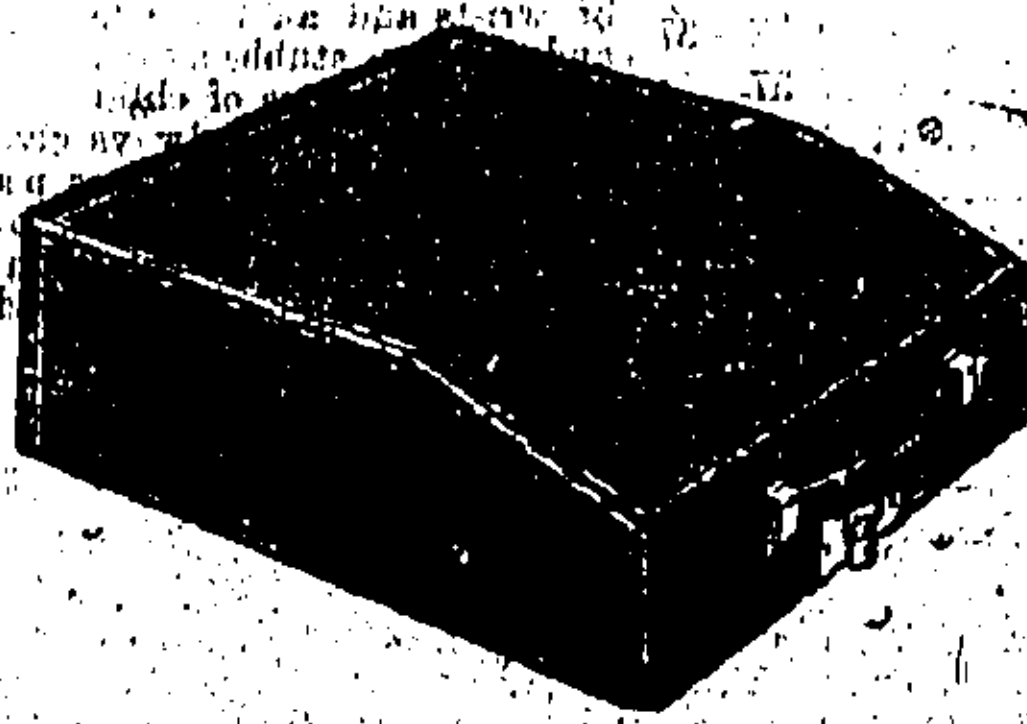
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